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REF: USUN 721 (RPTD MOSCOW)

1. SOVIET LOS REP KOLESNIK SAW DELOFF IN SOME AGITATION
THIS AM TO SAY HE HAS JUST RECEIVED TEL FROM MFA
STATING THAT US IS PROPOSING WEEK BEGINNING 16 MARCH
FOR GROUP OF 5 CONSULTATIONS ON SEABEDS. ON CHECKING
WITH D/LOS, DELOFF CONFIRMED THAT SEABEDS MEETING IS
PROPOSED, AS IT HAS BEEN FOR SOME TIME, FOR 16 APRIL
RPT 16 APRIL. MOREOVER, AS TO VENUE, DELOFF CONFIRMED
TO KOLESNIK THAT US COULD AGREE TO NYC RATHER THAN
WASHINGTON IN ACCORDANCE MOSCOW'S PREFERENCE. WE WILL
CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO KOLESNIK DURING COURSE OF
TODAY (HE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF NOON LOCAL).

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2. KOLESNIK ALSO TOLD DELOFF THAT SINCE USSR ALONE AMONGST THE 5 COULD NOT MAKE EXPERTS AVAILABLE FOR THE 5'S MEETING ON STRAITS IN LONDON ON 11 MARCH, THEY WERE COUNTERPROPOSING LONDON ON 18 MARCH IN THE HOPE THIS WOULD PROVE ACCEPTABLE. (WE HAVE INFORMED UK AND JAPANESE MISSIONS; NO ONE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN FRENCH MISSION ON LOS MATTERS).

3. FOR MOSCOW: WE ARE REPEATING USUN'S 721 FOR YOUR INFORMATION BUT WITHOUT REQUEST FOR ACTION.

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